

IN THE SPECIFICATION

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 28, as follows:**

In a solidified plastics dispersion present in regions adjacent to the defects, troublesome hollow microspheres can be eliminated, or their formation completely prevented, if, according to the invention, a mixture of water and solvent, for example of 90 parts of water and 10 parts of solvent, in particular ethyl acetate, is applied to, preferably sprayed onto, the solidified plastics dispersion, and a pressure and heat treatment is then carried out. The hollow microspheres then present in a moist state then collapse in the presence of a small amount of solvent even at temperatures below 65°C and at a pressure of less than 0.5 ~~kg/cm~~ kg/cm<sup>3</sup>, or they are not formed at all.